(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to get them released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) As per available information, 32 Indian fishermen and 7 fishing boats were apprehended by Pakistan Maritime Security Agency on 6th March, 2003. Government have taken up the issue of their early release and repatriation with the Government of Pakistan through diplomatic channels. As a result, they have been provided consular access.

Deportation of Indian criminals from Dubai

3024. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have handed over a list of Indian criminals seeking refuge in Emirates in January, 2003;

(b) if so, the details of the criminals sought to be deported from Dubai;

(c) whether India has extradition treaty with UAE; and

(d) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA): (a) and (b) Yes. The alleged criminals are wanted in connection with terrorist offences, economic offences and organised crime.

(c) Yes.

(d) Does not arise.

People stranded on Indo-Bangladesh Border

3025. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have alerted Bangladesh on the 3rd February, 2003 on a possible humanitarian crisis if it refuses more